

Bulletin Announcements 12/25/2016

MERRY CHRISTMAS: A blessed, Merry Christmas to you and yours. May Christ be the center of your celebration.

MUSICIANS: A special Thank You to Jolene Delaney and Ceili Delaney (flutes), Moira Delaney (bassoon), and Michael Shurhay (trumpet) for helping to beautify our worship this joyous day.

ALTAR FLOWERS: Today's altar flowers were given by Don & Renata Fiolka in loving memory of their son David's birthday.

POINSETTIAS: Thank you to all who donated poinsettias to beautify the sanctuary this Christmas Season. Poinsettias may be taken home after today's service. See insert for those donating a poinsettia and or monetary donations to the Altar Guild Memorial Fund. Poinsettias that are left here will beautify the sanctuary into the Epiphany season.

NEWSLETTER: January newsletter articles are due Monday, December 26.

GIVING TREE: Thank you for your generous monetary donations, gift cards, gifts, and food items for your church family. Ladies Aid was able to help the Pastor James May family, the Vicar Jason Steffenson family, and numerous members. Thank you to Lisa Cruz and her family for their organizational skills and delivering the gifts and to Joan Sturm for heading up the food drive and to Carolyn Mazurkiewicz's company for their generous food donations.

EPIPHANY: Join us on Friday, January 6 at 7:00 p.m. as we celebrate the Epiphany of Our Lord, journey with the Magi, and worship the Christ-child.

2017 OFFERING ENVELOPES: Members, please check your mailslot if you are getting 2017 envelopes. See Barb Potempa at church if you have questions.

FLOWER CHART/BULLETINS: The 2017 flower chart and bulletin signup sheets for January–March are posted in the narthex. Sign up for any open Sunday(s) to celebrate a special occasion or to honor/remember someone. Cost of bulletins is \$10. Cost of flowers is \$40, \$45, or \$50 (subject to change). See Karen Moritz for details.

40TH ANNIVERSARY: Join us for a special Divine Service and catered meal on Sunday, February 26 (2017) at 4:00 p.m. as we celebrate Divine Shepherd's 40th Anniversary and thank God for all His blessings to us. We will post more information as the planning process proceeds. Please speak with Karen if you are interested in helping send invitations, choose a caterer, plan the meal, etc.

PORTALS OF PRAYERS: Pick up your regular print January–March 2017 issue of *Portals of Prayer* from the bookshelves in the narthex. Cost is \$13/year (submit via the offering plate, earmarked "Portals of Prayer"). Blessings on your study of God's Word!

LUTHERAN TALK RADIO: This week's *Issues, Etc.* topics include: the Christmas Hymn "Let All Together Praise Our God," the Virgin Birth, the 12 Days of Christmas, 19th Century Lutheran Theologian C.F.W. Walther on Jesus' Birth, the Circumcision & Name of Jesus, the Hymn "Now Greet the Swiftly Changing Year," and more. Listen on demand at www.issuesetc.org or via the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.